

From: gordonkb@att.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8 21 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Gentlemen & Madam

Please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that current protect us from big media monopolies

The proposed changes will enable giant media conglomerates to obtain near-total control of R&T news and information in cities and towns across the country. Companies like Disney and Viacom who are lobbying you to relax these rules already have a history of keeping opposing views off the air.

We deserve to hear more than one viewpoint on important issues. For the sake of our 1st Amendment, I urge you to maintain the broadcast ownership protections that have helped keep healthy political debate alive in our country for all these years.

Sincerely,

Gordon Brown
Far Hills, NJ 07931

From: Mei-Ling L. Liu
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:22 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

To: FCC Commissioners --

I, a U.S. citizen, am aware of the significance of the proposed relaxation of media ownership rules. I strongly object to the concentration of media ownership in this country, and urge that, in the interest of democracy, that diversity of U.S. media ownership be preserved and promoted. In the region where I reside, Clear Channel Corporate Communications dominates the local airwave, rendering the local radio broadcast unpalatable to me and others with viewpoints similar to mine. I am also concerned about the increasing concentration of TV ownerships and multimedia ownerships.

Regards,
Mei-Ling L. Liu
Arroyo Grande, California

From: robtjdonna murphy@verizon net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8 28 PM
Subject: BROADCAST OWNERSHIP RULES

Dear Chairman and Commissioners of the FCC,

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It is my sincere opinion that the big media is already distorting the news and using its own ends as the deciding factor on what and what not to cover. Allowing them to buy out, own, and control whatever independant local tv, radio, and newspapers they can get their hands on would be completely disastrous to the information gathering process of the American public.

Please, allow the current laws and rules to stand. They are no more out of date and irrelevant than the Constitution is. PLEASE, KEEP THE BEST INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FOREMOST IN YOUR MINDS WHEN MAKING THIS DECISION!

Be courageous. Do the right thing. Don't give in to the big corporations over the good of the people.

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From: mjnhere@chorus.net
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:42 PM
Subject: consolidation of the Media No, no, no more! Please!

5/3/03

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I am writing to express my concern over the consolidation of the Media

I am educated. I have degrees in industrial engineering, bacteriology and chemistry from UW Madison Wisconsin

I am knowledgeable enough to know the pros and cons of the upcoming rule changes

The changes make business sense, but will be disastrous for my (our) children's freedom and access to unbiased information. The system (media) is already badly biased.

I have a good systems view of what has already been lost and what we will further lose.

The cost to freedom is more than the benefit to the business bottom line.

Please do not sell out the American citizen and their freedom.

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From: eblan
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8 44 PM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Commisioner Copps,

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations

Whole communities and even whole states and regions could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which to censor

The big media conglomerates have in the past used their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. These proposed rule changes would give them far greater power to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

Many of the corporations that are fighting for these rule changes-including media giants Viacom/CBS and Disney/ABC-are precisely the same companies that have tried in the past to keep your viewpoints off the air.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION !!!

From: Joseph
To: Undisclosed-Recipient @fcc.gov
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 8:52 PM
Subject: No additional loose 'rights' to media giants

You are urged to NOT allow any media, especially the giants, to obtain further rights to own more than already wrongly given them, outlets in any particular area

The rights of Americans to receive more than a 'certain' philosophy is being curtailed by the already loose handling of this problem

If possible rolling back already granted power to certain media giants would be preferable but failing this, then please do not grant them even more control over American minds

Thank you in advance for the protection of America's minds,

Joseph Castronovo
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

From: tomdone
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9:07 PM
Subject: Ownership rules for radio and television stations

Mr. Michael J. Copps
Commissioner
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Copps,

It is my understanding that some communications firms are presently lobbying the FCC to relax ownership rules for radio and television stations. I am opposed to any such relaxation of rules that would allow giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of all broadcast news across this nation. For the sake of our continuing the availability of information, I urge you to maintain the present ownership rules to ensure a healthy political debate in this country. Thanks for your consideration of my position.

Sincerely,

Tommy B. Edmondson
1230 N. Peniel
Oklahoma City, OK 73127

From: Drcleanswep@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, jadelste@fc.gov
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9:10 PM
Subject: rules and law change

Dear Sirs and Madam

We are writing to ask you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that prevent media monopolies

If the proposed broadcast ownership rules are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States of America could be snuffed out by huge media corporations. This is already happening in my city.

There could be even whole states and regions in which one media company could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air in their area and could silence those which they do not want to hear.

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I hope that these proposed rule changes would not be put in effect as to infringe upon the right of Free Speech by the American People.

Thank you for your confederation

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From: Robert & Louise Jeanne
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 30 PM
Subject: Against deregulation of the media

Dear Commissioner Powell

Please act in the public interest. Allowing one corporation to own more than 35% of the media in a single market is not in the public interest. We demand that there be advertized, public hearings across the country on this issue before the existing regulations are changed.

Robert and Louise Jeanne

609 Hilltop Drive

Madison, WI 53711

From: Lltmat@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 32 PM
Subject: Protect the American Citizens

Please do NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. It seems far too prevalent now with so much media in the hands of so few companies.

The proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near-total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. And many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air. The American people deserve better.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. All the people I work and socialize with have about quit reading the newspaper and watching TV because it seems they are only telling one side of the story. We need more companies involved, not fewer. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country. We need competition in the news business, and it should be fair and balanced.

God Bless America

Sincerely,

Les Thompson
Franklin, TN 37067-1324

From: Jeff Ramsey
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 40 PM
Subject: <No Subject>

Could you at least hold a significant public discussion before moving forward with any dramatic changes in FCC media deregulations?

Thank You
Jeff

please do not give, sell, trade, etc this e-mail address
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From: Albert Descoteaux
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9 47 PM
Subject: "broadcast ownership rules"

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Albert J. Descoteaux
Dracut, MA 01826-4424
albertdescoteaux@earthlink.net

From: mcquiddy@earthlink.net
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 9:49 PM
Subject: In the public interest

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

As a voting U.S. citizen, I am most concerned about the likelihood of the FCC relaxing its rules for media ownership. Allowing one company to own newspapers, radio and television stations within the same service area can only narrow the diversity of information and perspectives we proudly associate with the ideals of America.

To underscore the urgent need for open and vigorous presentation of news and information, we need look no further than the recent polls showing that over 50% of respondents believed that Iraq was directly involved in the 9/11 attacks. No thinking person can pretend that further consolidation of media ownership will do anything but perpetuate such shameful ignorance of facts.

Without an active and open discussion of hard questions that comes only with diverse and competing media, we can expect to see further degeneration of critical public opinion. It may not be the task of media companies to educate the public. But it is the duty of the regulating commission to make decisions based on the public interest, not the exigencies of the private market interests.

History of course will determine the wisdom of the decisions made today, and reveal who acted responsibly and who did not. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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Eugene, Oregon

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From: The Caton's
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10 10 PM
Subject: deregulation

Dear Chairman Powell,

I am very concerned about the possibility of deregulation of the media. It would be a terrible tragedy if a few corporations were allowed to buy all the media in the U S.

The affect that this has had on radio is horrible. The airways are filled with Right Wing hate mongers. It is nearly impossible to get any point of view heard other than the ones that these corporations want aired.

They choose what people are allowed to speak, what music is allowed to be aired. No one is allowed to have a talk show unless they espouse the point of view of these corporations, which is not in the best interest of the public. The only musicians that they play are ones that they own the recordings contracts for. The airwaves have become biased and ugly. This is all due to the fact the six major corporation have purchased nearly all the stations in this country.

I am horrified to think that you would allow this to go even further by deregulating television and newspapers. This simply cannot be justified.

Further, I think that public hearing should take place before any action is taken.

Please consider the enormity of this. We must have a free and diversified media.

Most sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Caton
Avila Beach, CA 93424-2175

From: Arthur735@cs.com
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10:12 PM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear Ms. Abernathy,

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Sincerely,
A. Romano

From: Gary McKinnon
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10 25 PM
Subject: Ownership restrictions

I am writing to ask you to not to approve elimination of restrictions on media ownership. Too few interests control our media and seem to be have undue influence on the FCC.

The members of the FCC have a responsibility to represent all the citizens of our country, not just wealth special interests. I hope you will demonstrate that you understand the difference between our right to information and the motives of those who profit by constraining the sources of that information.

Regards,
Gerald McKinnon

From: Robert Thurston
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10 26 PM
Subject: Upcoming media consolidation vote

Mr Powell,

Will the public have knowledge of the proposals you plan to approve or disapprove on June 2? Since we will be the beneficiaries or victims of your decision, it would seem only fair that we should know what you are planning to do and have a chance to influence your decision

I would strongly urge you to delay a final vote until the public has an appropriate opportunity to assess the options available

Sincerely
Robert Thurston
New Albany IN

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, mcopps@fcc.com, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Arthur735@cs.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10:35 PM
Subject: broadcastownership rules

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Tewksbury, MA 01876

From: Dennis Spangler
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10 40 PM
Subject: media ownership of the airwaves

dear mr copps

like you i am concerned about corporate domination of the peoples 'airwaves in my community i have heard the crowding and over-lapping of very similar radio stations i do not listen to any commercial stations,too loud repetitive and politically slanted fortunately i live near enough to universities to access local programming,which is limited,but more interesting to me i am an artist and see the loss of the airwaves as similar to the loss of music and the arts in the nations schools please continue to attempt to open the discussion and expose those that benefit by not having open discussions what more can i do in my immediate circle?if the airwaves are the peoples'then how can one influential mr powell not listen? please do not pass my e-mail address some of us are counting on you to open this process up thankyou for your efforts sincerely dennis spangler

From: Anthony Aitken
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10 52 PM
Subject: regulation

It is my duty as a U S citizen to notify you that I do not agree with the increase concentration of media and the possible impacts of the biennial regulatory review. I feel that this issue is not fully explored in the public sector, and that Americans in general are not being informed about the major effects this will have on their lives. The public interest is not being served! This is a direct affront to democracy in America! This is wrong! We must regulate and diversify the control of media and serve the public interest. There should be public debate on this issue!

Thank You,
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Do you Yahoo!?
The New Yahoo! Search - Faster Easier Bingo
<http://search.yahoo.com>

From: rose aitken
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 10:59 PM
Subject: June 2

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy

From: robin madden
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 11 11 PM
Subject: Don 't liberalize the rules on media ownership

Dear Mr Powell

How can you possibly think that further consolidation of media ownership will benefit the public? I have already fled to the BBC News, and I would like to remind you and the big 5 broadcasters that we all can turn them off. If you give these big 5 more reach, one can only conclude that you are on the take.

Susan Madden

From: Steven Leibman
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 11:14 PM
Subject: Preserve Diversity and Media Ownership Limits - DO NOT Remove Remaining Regulatory Limits on Corporations

Steven Leibman
215 Sherwood Drive
Montpelier, VT 05602

May 3, 2003

FCC Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioner Abernathy:

The FCC must NOT further weaken the rules that help preserve competition and diversity among the owners of American media.

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

The FCC is currently considering sweeping changes to broadcast ownership rules. Repeal of, or further modification to these rules will likely open the door to more mergers that will continue to reduce competition and diversity in the media. If the rules are weakened further, one company in a city could control the most popular newspaper, TV station and possibly the cable system, giving it dominant influence over the content and slant of news and information. Such a move would reduce the diversity of cultural and political discussion in this country. Media ownership would be concentrated by corporate monopolies even further, and the public's ability to have open, informed discussion with diverse viewpoints would be compromised.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative effects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding

I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process

Sincerely,

Steven Leibman

From: GERALD R McGRATH
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 11 17 PM
Subject: Proposed Broadcast Ownership Rule Changes

Honorable Chairman and Commissioners of the Federal Communication Commission

It would NOT be in the best interests of the American people to allow monopolistic interests to control all the outlets (in any area) that they could afford to. Censorship BY the media is actually a much greater danger to free democratic debate of issues than censorship of the media by the government because it is largely unrecognizable. AOL Time Warner's CNN's reporting on the Iraqi war is an example of this. AOL-TW, Viacom/CBS, Disney/ABC all appear to have severe editorial restrictions on viewpoints other than those of its executives. Please do your job and protect us (and a free society) from these giant conglomerates who would control all thought. FCC ownership rules currently provide some protection, do not abandon them. J Mc jmcgrath7@juno.com

From: Steve Leis
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Sat, May 3, 2003 11 53 PM
Subject: Vote No

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<http://clinic.mcafee.com/clinic/ibuy/campaign.asp?cid=3963>